Waiting list of LPG connections in Arunachal Pradesh

2989. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons on the waiting list for LPG connections in Arunachal Pradesh and in Delhi; and

(b) what steps Government are taken to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) As on 1-4-1991, there were about 0.06 lakh and 5.54 lakh persons on the waiting list in Arunachal Pradesh and Delhi, respectively.

(b) Efforts are constantly on to give LPG connections to as many applicants as early as possible.

Opening of new LPG agencies/Petrol Pumps

2990. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand to open new LPG agencies and Petrol Pumps in different areas of the country;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard; and

(c) the details of locations that have been identified for opening of new LPG Agencies and Petrol Pumps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) New LPG Distributorships and Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets are opened in different places as per Marketing Plans, availabilty of products, etc.

Supply of kerosene to Karnataka

2991. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of allocation of kerosene to different State, State wise;

(b) what are the norms for its allocation:

(c) what are the details of demand and supply and kerosene to Karnataka; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the supply thereof to that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) Kerosene allocations to States/Union Territories are made on an historical basis subject to availability of the product. Steps are being continuously taken to increase the availability of kerosene through incrtased production and through imports. The details of thte allcation of kerosene to different States/UTs are given in the Anntxure. [*See* Appendix CLXI, Annexure No. 70].

Passengers travelling on roofs of the trains

2992. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more passengers travelling on rooftops of the trains between Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Lucknow and Patna than passengers travelling inside the coaches; and

(b) what remedial action Government are taking to curb the crowded and risky travelling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Cases of some persons travelling on the roof of the trains have come to notice.